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SUBJECT: TURKISH WORKER FLIGHTS: SENAT INITIATIVES NOT YET
FULLY SUPPORTED BY FRG

REF: (A) USBERLIN 2081, (B) USBERLIN 2178, (C) USBERLIN 2052

SUMMARY: SENAT AND FRG HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO LIMIT GDR'S FREE
ACCESS TO HARD CURRENCY EARNINGS FROM INTERFLUG SALES OF
TICKETS TO TURKISH WORKERS. SENAT HAS NOTED ISSUE ALSO BEING
TREATED IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS BETWEEN BONN AND ANKARA. BONN
HAS NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING FEDERAL MINISTRIES TO
ACCEPT ENTIRE SENAT PACKAGE FOR TREATING TURKISH WORKER
FLIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

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1. TAGESSPEIGEL AUGUST 26 REPORTS THAT THE PAK TUERK TRAVEL
AGENCY IN WEST BERLIN HAS BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE LANDESZENTRALBANK
FROM TRANSFERRING THE PROCEEDS OF INTERFLUG TICKETS IN WEST
BERLIN TO THE GDR VIA AN AUSTRIAN FIRM. A PAK TUERK
SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HIS AGENCY DID NOT KNOW
HOW TICKET SALES FOR INTERFLUG GUESTWORKER FLIGHTS WOULD
PROCEED IN THE FUTURE. TAGESSPIEGEL NOTES THAT THE APPLICABLE

CURRENCY REGULATIONS (ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTOR ORDINANCE 500) WOULD PERMIT THE DEPOSIT OF THE MONEY DERIVED FROM SALE OF INTERFLUG TICKETS IN WEST BERLIN IN THE LANDESZENTRALBANK WHERE IT WOULD BE CHARGED TO THE GDR ACCOUNT FOR INEER-GERMAN TRADE. THERE WOULD BE NO CASH TRANSFER INVOLVED. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD, OF COURSE, KEEP THE GDR FROM GETTING DIRECT CONTROL OF REELY CONVERTIBLE AND HIGHLY PRIZED WEST GERMAN CURRENCY. SENAT HAS CONFIRMED THAT THESE PROCEDURES ARE IN EFFECT.

2. SENAT CHANCELLERY OFFICER KUNZE TOLD US AUGUST 29 THAT THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT REPRESENTATIVES IN BONN ON AUGUST 24 ABOUT TURKINSH WORKER FLIGHTS FROM SCHOENEFELD. KUNZE REPORTED THAT THE FRG HAS AGREED IN FIRST INSTANCE TO PURSUE ITS EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION THROUGH DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS. SENAT HAS BEEN CHARGED, IN THE MEANTIME, TO CONDUCT FURTHER STUDIES OF THE VOLUME OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC VIA SCHOENEFELD TO TURKEY AND OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO INTERFLUG ACCOUNTS AS A RESULT OF THESE FLIGHTS. KUNZE SAID SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE GERMANS WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 14, AT WHICH TIME LATEST SENAT DATA ON THE OUTFLOW FO HARD CURRENCY WILL BE BASIS OF DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ACTION AGAINST INTERFLUG.

3. BEGIN NOFORN. KUNZE HAS CONFIDED IN US THAT HE HAS KEPT GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE ABREAST OF BONN'S ACTIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH KUNZE EXPECTS WILL BE INEFFECTIVE. KUNZE AND OTHER SENAT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE FOUND FRG MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS UNWILLING TO GO FORTHER, CONSEQUENTLY KUNZE HAS PUT A RECOMMENDATION TO STOBBE THAT SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS KORBER TAKE UP THE ISSUE WITH FEDERAL MINISTER OF THE CHANCELLERY WISCHNEWSKI OR WITH FOREIGN OFFICER UNDER SECRETARY VAN WELL. END NOFORN. GEORGE

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